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Brookshire's contest winners solve parking problems

by Melissa Raynor
staff writer

Students can solve the problem of trying to find a parking place and help fund a scholarship at the same time.

By saving Brookshire's grocery receipts, every student has the chance to win a reserved parking place for a week.

First student winners are Brandy McKown and Melissa Raynor.

Faculty and staff winners this semester are: Kay Dawson, Tim Gill, Shelley Kersh, Fran Palmer, Carl Shotts, Diana Wallis and Linda Zeigler. Dr. Bill Crowe gave his spot to the runner-up.

TJC awards parking places of their choice, anywhere on campus, to the student and employee who turn in the most receipts each week through Feb. 28, 2000.

Receipts must be turned in to the cashier's office in the White

Administration Service Center no later than 5 p.m. Thursday. They should be put in an envelope with the student's name, phone number, last four digits of the Social Security number and the location of the parking spot, Alumni Director Betty Briggs said.

Winners will be posted on the cashier's office window each Friday.

Only Brookshire's stores in Tyler, Chandler, Troup, Flint, Lindale, Overton and Whitehouse are participating. Receipts must have the green B on them.

One percent of the total receipts before taxes, excluding cigarettes and alcohol will be given to TJC to fund a scholarship for.

Last year contestants turned in more than \$70,000 in receipts, Brookshires donated \$700 for a scholarship fund.



Photo by Melissa Raynor

RESERVED FOR YOU - The winning student parks her vehicle in her designated parking spot in a faculty lot.

Preparing for school has never been harder

by Julie Steck
staff writer

"By Friday don't forget to have your copy of Theme III, the two exercises we discussed today and be prepared for the quiz over conjunctions," professor Amy reminds the class.

Students often find themselves stuck in this position without a clue how to get out. With mid-terms over and finals dead ahead, some students are re-evaluating their study habits to turn C's into A's before it's too late.

Some students have problems because they want everything at once: good social status, family life, school success and time to party on the weekend. As a result, grades suffer.

Psychology instructor Jeanne Ivy sums it up in three points.

"Students need to clear their calendars of everything not essential, take advantage of the wonderful tutoring services and stay in good communication with their professors," Ivy said.

Staying in touch with your instructor includes talking to

them about any problems you may be facing. Writing and math tutorial labs can help you improve your grades, she said.

"There is a writing lab with assistants who will proof your whole paper," Ivy said "Students should take full advantage of these opportunities."

Trio Project Coordinator Renee Hawkins offers three techniques to change C's into A's.

"Students need to go to class, go the extra mile to get caught up and get on a study schedule," she said.

Of the big problems with students is skipping class. Cameron Rush found out the hard way how much easier it is to pass if you attend class.

"I'm doing so much better this year because I have someone who will push me to do my work," Rush said. "Last year I just wouldn't go to class."

Hawkins recommends getting on a study schedule and setting aside at least two hours a day for intense studying. The trick is studying actively, not passively. This includes ques-

tioning yourself until there's no doubt that you know information.

"Look at the study schedule like your work schedule," Hawkins said. "If you don't show up for work, then you get fired."

"Students create problems when they put off studying for a major test until the day before," Hawkins said.

This causes you to cram everything together and not really absorb the information. Then, when the test day comes, your mind goes blank, she said.

"Students need to find a good quiet place to study and start a week ahead of the test," Hawkins said. "Being prepared and confident are the keys to beating test anxiety."

When students are in good communication with their professor, practice good study habits and use the tutoring facilities, results can be impressive.

Sadie Petty has practiced all these and so far has A's in all her classes.

"I keep up with my assignments, take good notes and don't put things off," Petty said.

4 Apaches make All-Conference teams

by Kristi Flippin
staff writer

Four Apache football players earned All-Southwest Junior College Football Conference first team honors. Four others earned honorable mentions.

First teamers are: wide receiver Robert Ferguson, running back Olan Coleman, center Chris Kuhn and outside linebacker Jamin Stinson.

Ferguson, a sophomore from Houston Spring Woods High School, was starred for the Apache offense with his outstanding catches. Third in conference receiving, he caught 36 passes for 539 yards and three touchdowns.

Coleman, a freshman from Waco University High

School, provided another offensive spark, rushing with 679 yards and six touchdowns on 95 carries. He summed up the season with an average of 7.1 yards per run.

Leading the way for Ferguson and Coleman up front was center Kuhn from Conroe.

Defensively, Stinson from Richardson Lake Highlands High School led the Apaches with 62 stops and eight sacks.

Tyler sophomores earning honorable mention include: tackles Allen Keilers of Tomball and Eryin Beelitz of Garrison, cornerback Dayton McKers of Copperas Cove and linebacker LaQuan Hughes of Waco University.

CAMPUS F•O•C•U•S

How do you feel about shopping over the Internet?



"Interests rates on payment plans are too high."

Nate Webb



"There's not enough pictures of the product."

Laurie Simpson



"I don't shop online because I'm afraid someone will steal my credit card number."

Barry McDonald



"It's a government conspiracy to slowly introduce us into the New World Order."

Joshua Turner



"I'm afraid someone will be able to access my credit card number."

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Cyberfraud threatens online shoppers

by Danny Gallagher
editor-in-chief

The dramatic growth of the Internet and the World Wide Web has spawned a plethora of commerce sites and pages, allowing users to shop and buy online easier and faster than ever.

But with the growth of e-commerce, fraud and credit card scams also occur, aided by the security and anonymity of the Information Superhighway.

Scams that have wiped out bank accounts and created bad credit history for consumers with previously good credit could easily have been prevented.

Experts urge all Internet shoppers to be wary of sites where they buy. They should never give out important information such as credit card, bank account or social security numbers without first investigating. The Consumer Protection Working Group warns customers with these 10 shopping tips before they click "send."

1. Trust your instincts. If your gut reaction says not to buy something over the Web, terminate the sale immediately.

2. Be knowledgeable of Web-based auctions. Sites like EBay may have a good reputation, but their users might be fraudulent. Read the site's rules and policies carefully before you buy.

3. Double check pricing. Sometimes products announcing "Sale" or "Half Off" might not be bargains. Checking store pricing.

4. Read the privacy policy. Find out how the site you're doing business with uses information you provide. If the site has no policy, hit the "back" button.

5. Review return, refund, ship-

ping and handling policies as well as the other legal terms. Try to understand how the site operates from final sale to shipping your order. If you can't find these rules, e-mail the webmaster for information or take your business elsewhere.

6. Check that Internet connections are secure. Before you send any private information, make sure utilities and pages you use have a security software or program icon somewhere so hackers or other computer users can't get your private info. Sites will say upfront if their financial records are using security software.

7. Use a credit card to pay. Never give out your bank account number to anyone over the Internet, even a big-name web site like Amazon.com.

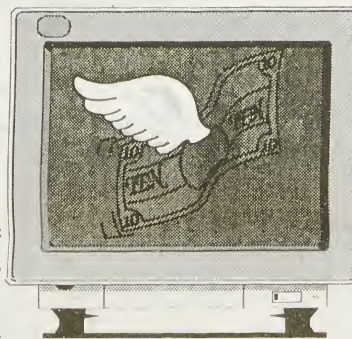
8. Print sales terms. After you've sent necessary information safely,

keep a copy of the terms, conditions and warranties. You should also get an e-mail address or phone number in case something goes wrong.

9. Insure safe delivery of your item. If your purchase is expensive, ask the retailer if you can order the shipping company to require a signature when the package is delivered or to deliver it somewhere other than your home address.

10. Inspect your purchase. When it finally arrives, make sure everything in the sale description is included and that all parts are working. If you find a problem, call the retailer immediately and tell them exactly how you want it fixed.

E-shoppers should also look out for sites that don't carry a seal of approval or legal authorization from credit card companies. Never do business with a site that distributes "spam" mail or junk mail sent randomly to e-mail address.



Students disrupt classrooms, respect vanishes

by Danny Gallagher, editor-in-chief
and Aaron Roberts, associate editor

The stress and heavy responsibilities of college can intensify behavior students project to teachers and classmates. But that is no excuse for the rude and disrespectful attitudes some display.

Students disrupt class by walking in late, talking during lectures and using abusive language that would shame a sailor. Not only does this undermine the instructor's authority, it dis-

turbs others trying to learn.

"Sometimes it is very difficult to get them to stop," History Instructor Jerry Simpson said.

Students irritate teachers by walking in front of them while they are lecturing.

Why do some students act so rudely in class?

Some start to talk outside and when it's time for class "they continue their conversations in class," Simpson said.

Another reason? Their

upbringing. Some parents do not seem to be instilling the same values of respect for others that parents did 20 years ago.

But, most of all, students act up in class as a way to let off steam caused by the anxieties of school, work and everyday life. Fellow classmates open windows of opportunity, without fear of discipline by the teacher or concern for the boundaries of other students' learning space.

School should be a care-

free environment with opportunities to chat with friends or find activities that allow students to relax. But a classroom is an inappropriate place for that activity.

If you feel as though the pressure might be too much, Simpson suggests that you "take a year off."

Students' academic performance must come first.

"Remember that your grades stay with your transcript for life," Simpson said.

RealityCheck

Middle finger may replace turn signals in traffic

by Danny Gallagher
editor-in-chief

The human brain is an untapped, often ignored resource among Americans. While people in other countries such as China or India use their minds for practically every task imaginable, the good old U.S. citizen retires this organ for more soul-searching activities such as toenail biting and professional wrestling. This ex-

plains why America has become a population of walking middle fingers.

Rudeness seems more evident than ever. Now you can't even say "hello" or "how do you do" to anyone before they start assaulting your senses with vulgar words and hand signals that would get Helen Keller a slap in the face.

Heavy traffic provides the most common breeding ground

for rudeness. People cut each other off, drive too fast, drive too slow, drive too close or drive for 10 billion miles in the middle lane with their right turn signal blinking, mocking our very existence.

If those blinking lights of Hell could talk, they'd say "OK, I'm going to turn into the next lane . . . Ready . . . Oh wait, I changed my mind . . . OK, I'm going to turn into the

next lane again . . . Ready . . . Hold on, I don't have my glasses on . . . OK, I'm going."

The only reason I can even fathom for such obnoxious behavior is because the Constitution gives them the right to act like hyperactive, pea-brained morons. Way, way, way down in the fine print of the U.S. Constitution in Article 59, Amendment 229 gives every American citizen the right to

"step on another person's face and not bat an eye at the fact that their victim has now permanently lost the use of his/her tongue."

So, go ahead, kick the back of my seat, throw spitballs at the back of my head and flip me the birdie just because I let you go on a green light. It's your Constitutional right! Just don't make me read you Amendment numero dos.

Young warns of Internet addiction, suggests help

by Ijeoma Osuagwu
staff writer

Dr. Kimberly S. Young warned some 150-200 students and faculty of signs of Internet addiction and told them how to get counseling for on-line addicts.

Young founded a consulting firm for on-line addicts after a concerned wife said her husband was spending 40-plus hours a week on the Internet in addition to his work. His intense devotion to the Internet caused increasing marital

problems for the couple.

"The divorce rate is going up because of the Internet, especially when a married man or woman develops a romantic attachment to someone online," she said.

Compulsivity, loss of interest in other activities, psychological withdrawal and unsuccessful attempts to reduce time on-line are possible addiction signals, she said.

"On-line addicts are just like those with alcoholic tendencies,"

Young said in the third Student Enrichment Series talk. "On the Internet people can change and hide their identities and can become completely immersed."

Young told of a Florida mother whose on-line addiction cost her custody of her child. The woman was so consumed by the Internet she forgot to pick up her son from school.

Another tragic Internet case involved a 12-year-old boy who

shot and killed his mother because she took away his computer. He eventually committed suicide, leaving a note that said his mother took his whole life away, Young told her audience.

"Fifty-two percent of on-line addicts originally had prior addiction to something else," Young said.

At Alfred University in upstate New York, 43 percent of freshmen failed their first semester because of increased Internet use. Young said most of these freshmen were academically inclined with SAT scores averaging between a 1200-1300.

The Internet is not completely to blame for low academic results, she said. The psychological trauma of leaving home and college stress contribute to a student's need for some level of interaction.

Risk factors associated with on-line addiction are personality traits, gender issues and societal encouragement.

Open-minded or intelligent people with high levels of abstrac-

tion tend to be the ones with higher on-line use. Generally women use the Internet for chatting and auctioning while men use it to view pornographic sites, do day trading and to shop for more items. Probably the biggest culprit is societal encouragement, she said.


"President Clinton has pushed for more computers in the classroom," Young, author of "Caught in the Net," said.

This push for more technology in schools has caused teachers to complain that music programs and other extra-curricular activities are often neglected.

"The Internet is a tool when used properly," Young said. "It should add to your life instead of take away from it."

She is executive director of the Center for Online Addiction. For more information on Internet addiction go to www.netaddiction.com.

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Apache Pals come to learn to lead

by Ijeoma Osuagwu
staff writer

Seventy-four Dogan Middle School students came to college recently. They are pioneers in the College's Youth Leadership Development Academy. "Leadership is serious business," these Apache Pals learned in a day filled with activities.

Skip Womack of the East Texas Children's Council directed group activities "designed to enhance self-esteem,

increase academic interest and expand horizons."

"I like the mentor program because it's good to learn how to view life's problems and solve them," eighth grader Norma Ozornia said. "I'm hoping to someday become a nurse."

Melinda Coker, Career Planning and Placement Services director, is training TJC students as mentors with each Dogan student.

"We want these kids to be-

lieve in themselves," Coker said. "This program is designed to show them how to focus and achieve their dreams."

Once a week a TJC mentor meets "with an assigned student on the Dogan Middle School campus for one hour during the day."

Mentors may advise about planning for college, teach the importance of time management and how to incorporate good judgment and leadership skills in decision-making.

Mentors can also teach about relationships, effective communication or everyday problems. From reading a book together to playing a game or working a puzzle, Apache mentors will not only help teach students, Coker said. They will become friends and role models middle school kids can look up to.

"We want these kids to know their potential and to increase their individual aspirations for college," Student

Services Director, Dr. Otis Webster said. "What's more important than investing in these kids?"

According to the Apache Pals brochure, "mentored teens are 46 percent less likely to get into drugs, 59 percent get better grades and 73 percent raise their goals."

This pilot program lets the community know that TJC is a viable resource in promoting academic excellence and self-confidence, Webster said.

75 students begin as mentors for kids

by Coretta Williams
staff writer

Seventy-five students are learning to be mentors for their Apache Pals. They will work with sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from Dogan Middle School selected for special youth leadership developmental program here.

Mentors will meet their Pals at Dogan at least once each week, and lead by example.

"As leaders," Student Services Director Dr. Otis Webster said, "we expect them to demonstrate all the time a high character and good, sound judgment."

Mentors will receive the intrinsic reward of being role models and improving other's lives. The Pals will discover they are on their way to "being the best they can be."

Dr. Webster believes the Pals' success in school will improve because they have a

successful student as a mentor.

"The program is all about the students associating with successful students from TJC," Webster said.

Melinda Coker, Career Planning and Placement Services director, will train and supervise the mentors.

This program should help students learn a lot about themselves, and to be the best they can be. It provides opportunity for young people to fulfill potential and to provide services to the community.

"The possibilities are unlimited," Webster said.

Rose Heights Church begins 14th DoR ministry

by Courtney Jones
staff writer

Rose Heights Youth Pastor Chris Liotta recently presented the 14th DoR to Christians at Jehovah Java Coffee House. 14th DoR are young adults ages 18-34 who are filled with the Holy Spirit. Rose Heights' group is seeking donations to keep the Coffee House open more than once every month.

Jehovah Coffee House brings Christian fellowship in an environment of live bands, cappuccino and snacks at 7p.m. every third Saturday.

"Every month we will be featuring a different band to play for us," Liotta said.

"The Coffee House is a great place for Christians to hang out on a Saturday night," sophomore Keshia Stevens said.

Rose Heights plans a revival this week with Jeff Spencer from Dallas preaching at 7p.m. Nov. 15-17 at the Rose Heights' Student Center, 2715 SSE Loop 323.

Liotta presented the 14 DoR "Hook Up With Us" on campus

early this semester, introducing a new flavor of Christian entertainment. The college youth ministry 14th DoR refers to the

current generation today of born again believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. They compare their ministry to Generation X, the 13th

generation. By believing in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, people can be converted to the 14 generation.

"This has been a vision for me since I moved here 10 months ago," Liotta said.

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Deaf call TJC 'friendly'

by Lasaundra Brown
staff writer

The Texas Association of Deaf named TJC a Deaf Friendly Campus at their 40th Biennial Conference in Port Aransas recently.

"This is the first year TJC has received an award" as a deaf friendly campus, Dr. Judy Barnes, interpreter training program director said.

Advisors and some instructors in the Interpreter training program are deaf and help communicate with deaf students.

"Students and faculty that sign on campus help make TJC deaf friendly," Dr. Barnes said.

Many deaf students are active in the community. Miss Deaf Tyler, Sophomore Torey Cole who competed in the Miss Deaf Texas Pageant last month, accepted the TAD award on behalf of TJC, Barnes said. TAD elected TJC graduate Kathy Walters president. She is the first East Texan to head the organization.

Barnes quoted Gallaudet University President I. King Jordan, "Deaf can do anything that the hearing can do except hear."

Gallaudet, in Washington D.C., is the only liberal arts university for the deaf in the world, Barnes said.

The TJC deaf population has increased from two or three students to 11, Barnes said. We are already getting more calls about the programs we offer.

"I believe deaf students will recognize East Texas and TJC as a deaf friendly campus," Barnes said, and enrollment will continue to increase.



Photo by Danny Gallagher
GENEROSITY PILES UP - Food collected for the PATH food drive begins to fill White Administrative Service Center foyer. Students and faculty will continue donations until Thanksgiving break.

Food drive to fill tables

by Ashley Tompkins
staff writer

A woman sits all alone in her living room pondering what she will do this holiday season to prepare for her family. With the little money she has, she must figure out how to feed her family a Thanksgiving dinner.

Fortunately families in East Texas can find help. PATH, the Tyler and Smith County community service coalition, collects canned foods and other necessities for the needy families in the community.

TJC students and faculty members have learned to give back to their neighbors by participating in PATH.

PATH (People Attempting

To Help) collects non-perishable food year-round to feed the hungry. Coats and blankets are collected, cleaned and repaired by area dry cleaners and distributed at the PATH office and also at Good Samaritan Center on Highway 271 North.

In the past two years TJC students and faculty have collected more than a truckload of food. The College community has worked with the PATH food drive for about eight years, Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

Community members can pick up food in the pantry at the PATH location and talk to a counselor also.

"When an organization such as TJC collects such a large volume of non-perishable items, it allows us to focus on other emergency items needed," Vicki Harvey, PATH

assistant executive director, explained. "We can help buy glasses and other items that are needed rather than food, because of the contribution by the larger organizations."

The food drive will continue through Nov. 23. Non-perishable items are needed: canned foods, pasta, dried beans, cake mixes, Jell-o, paper plates, paper towels and toothpaste. Packages and cans should be ordinary sizes, not extra large.

Coats for Kids and new blankets are also needed.

The Student Senate and the Faculty Senate are "competing to see who can collect the most food items," Nalley said.

Boxes are placed in each faculty lounge and at RTDC to hold donations. Some faculty are giving extra credit to encourage students to participate.

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'Twelfth Night' to create Dickens' Christmas

by Jennifer Murray
staff writer

The cast is busy preparing "Twelfth Night . . . or What You Will," a comedy by William Shakespeare for a Dec. 2-7 run. Filled with love, intrigue, merriment and fighting, the comedy is usually set in the Elizabethan era with the elaborate Renaissance costumes but, "we are updating to a different style," Director David

Crawford said. Instead, actors wearing Victorian styles will create a Christmas time in Dickens' England.

Clint Crawford plays Orison, Duke of Illyria who is blindly in love with Olivia, a rich countess played by Megan Evans. Orsino sends his page Cesario, who is the disguised Viola, played by Robin Cannon, to persuade Olivia of his

love. But Olivia falls in love with Cesario, creating a wild goose chase of young lovers pursuing their true loves.

Others in the cast are: Viola's brother Sebastian played by Joshua Hunt, Sebastian's friend Antonio played by Caleb Hairgrove and a sea captain, Viola's friend and the first officer, all played by Matt Perry.

Sarah Reed plays Valentine, Orsino's courtier and John Kirk Race plays Sir Toby Belch, Olivia's uncle.

Eric Hess plays Sir Andrew Aguecheek. Tim Britt is Malvolio, Olivia's steward, John Brady Talbot plays the clown Feste and Julia Vela is Olivia's woman Maria.

Others are Adam Shackelford as both sailors and second officer,

Junaid Sulaiman as the priest, and Sara Sator as Olivia's servant.

Sartor and Mamie Carson will work as assistant directors to Crawford.

Performances start at 7:30 p.m. nightly with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Tickets cost \$3 at the box office in Wise Cultural Arts Center. Box office opens Nov. 22.

Mann's 'Insider' blows open R.J. Reynolds scandal

by Danny Gallagher
editor-in-chief

In a world where large corporations like Microsoft and Nike become richer by the minute, their practices and techniques for accumulating wealth are becoming more carefully scrutinized by society. Director Michael Mann's new film "The Insider" may not say Bill Gates should do hard time for his success, but it warns us to be wary of "free enterprise."

The film is based on the true story of the battle between R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and a controversial story on CBS's "60 Minutes." Russell Crowe plays a former research director who witnesses lab technicians adding cancer-causing chemicals to cigarettes. But before he can take his stories around the media circle, a story-hungry news producer (Al Pacino) scoops it up and opens one of

the biggest battles in journalism history.

As soon as word of Crowe's interview gets out, his former company slowly turns his life into a living hell, threatening his integrity, career, life and family with legal action, contract violations and even physical violence. Crowe must decide if his well-being and safety are more important than protecting the American public's safety.

"The Insider" is smart because it avoids taking sides, forcing the audience to root for either good or bad guy. So few movies allow audiences to choose their own side without feeling guilty, a desperately needed relief from a 90's Hollywood primarily concentrated in liberal politics.

It's also a surprisingly suspenseful and thrilling action flick.

While it doesn't destroy every building in sight or feature wall-

to-wall shots of unnecessary gunfire, it grabs you with a compelling story and vibrant performances. Pacino, usually known for obnoxious overacting and yelling "hoo-hah!" every other second, gives his best performance to date. He forces Crowe to spill the beans but realizes his choice can come with drastic consequences

"Guys like you are in

short supply," Pacino says after Crowe decides to air his story.

His manipulative attitude and predatory approach to TV journalism definitely puts him in the nominees for another Best Actor Oscar.

Not an eye-popping horror flick like "The Haunting" or an overblown action movie like "Fight Club," "The Insider" has something those films don't -- a message.



'Life on the Edge' offers sage advice to late teens

by Sarah E. Jones
staff writer

"Life on the Edge" by Dr. James Dobson is dedicated to people in the critical decade between 16 and 26 years old. Those 10 years present adults with many decisions and obstacles.

The book focuses on such topics as money, love, success, relationships with parents and friends, college and where God fits into the daily routine.

"I was given this book as

a graduation present," sophomore Tonya Player said. "I can't imagine going through college without it."

Throughout the book, Dobson shares his beliefs about life and lists 38 values to live by "drawn from a lifetime of experience in Christian living and in human interaction," he said.

"Life on the Edge" gives great advice. It is a good book to refer to when needed, or to read in one sitting.

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Colorado trip enlightens those who attend

by Angela Curry
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A snowball fight in July laid the foundation for new friendships. It all started when a group of classmates helped each other overcome an obstacle.

"It was such a bonding experience because you had to put your total trust in everyone," sophomore Adriann McGinnis said.

After climbing a rugged 11,000-foot trail to in Rocky Mountain National Park, we



could see snow, but huge boulders blocked the path. Determined to reach the snow, we made it after a hour-long climb. For a few moments, the college students turned into little kids.

From sliding in the snow to dodging snowballs flying through the air, we all were rewarded not just playing in the snow, but with the memories we brought home.

The Colorado field courses-Environmental Geology (GEO 1405) and Environmental Biology (BIO 2406) can earn students eight hours lab science credit. Open to both majors and non-majors, the combined classes together and during Summer Session I are limited to 16 students who must apply by Dec. 1. They will do exercises, field work, make field records and perform examinations.

"There is no better way to

learn science than to be in the field with it," Geology Instructor Marsha Layton said.

Biology Instructor Cathryn

the Rockies" for professional teachers.

Cates says TJC has been gracious in support of the program for five years.

"Mrs. Layton and I enjoyed it so much we wanted to share it with students," Cates said.

Traveling across the Plains up to the Rockies, they see more than just road kill. Palo Duro Canyon makes a beautiful stop, and in New Mexico they stand, or even walk down, inside a volcano

cause it was so different 5,000 years ago when it was erupting. And we can see the Rocky Mountains from the top," Layton said.

No other class lets students sleep at an 8,000-foot elevation where temperature can change 30 degrees in less than a minute.

The Colorado courses let students experience what they learn from textbooks. They find and identify rocks on the side of the mountain and discover how old they are. They also learned about wildlife that lives in different elevations and areas.

"The best part of the trip is watching the students experience the excitement of seeing a moose for the first time," Cates said.

Since the trip, McGinnis said she stays on the lookout for animals and different rock types while she is driving.

To view additional information and apply for the courses students can log on at www.tyler.cc.tx.us/science/Course/BIOLOGY/Colorado/Index.htm.



Photo by Marsha Layton

HIGHER ED - Science students pause on Rocky Mountain slope. They are: Jarod Horn, Lawanna Sachse, Kevin Carter, Michael Franks, Maxim Dounaev, Adriann McGinnis, Jamie Swanson, Ernesto Pulido, Carlos Lomena and Nancy Garcia. In front Angela Curry and Michelle Howell.

Cates and Layton created this study trip after they attended a Chataqua program "ecology of

crater.

"I like when we go to Mount Capulin in New Mexico be-

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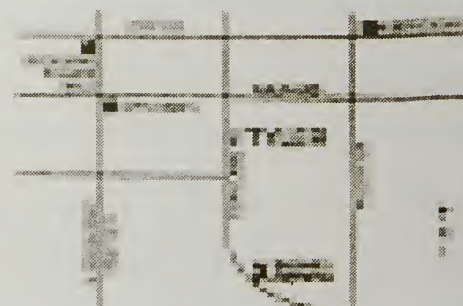
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Apaches win twice in annual Sheraton Classic

by Vatina Henderson
staff writer

The Apache Men's Basketball Team opened the 1999-2000 season with two wins in their annual Sheraton TJC Classic Nov. 5-6.

The men defeated Wiley College in dramatically, 117-81. Immanuel McElroy led all scorers with 24 points, while teammates Sheldon Denison scored 17 and

Darmetreis Kilgore added 16 points, respectively.

The loss dropped Wiley to 0-3. Omarian Brown led their scoring with 17 points and teammate Lee James chipped in 12.

The Apaches controlled the game throughout, displaying excellent pressure defense with tough inside play from Lamar Hill and

Jeremy Day.

Grayson College proved a tougher opponent, but the Apaches still won, 91-77.

At halftime Grayson led, 48-41. Grayson had the hot hand from behind the three-point arc, hitting nine field goals. The game was close throughout with teams trading the lead.

The Apaches' smothering second-half defense shut down Grayson's hot shooting, limiting them to only 29 second-half points. They were also cold from three-point range, going 0-6.

The Apaches finished the game strong with Kilgore leading the way with 23 points. McElroy chipped in 17 and Hill scored 15

points.

For Grayson, Jessie Lawrence scored 30 points making him the game high scorer. His teammate Lamar Mathison added 20 points.

The win improves the Apaches to 2-0. Upcoming games are Nov. 12-13 at the South Plains Classic in Levelland and Nov. 16 against Wiley College in Marshall.

Ladies open basketball season undefeated

by Vatina Henderson
staff writer

The 11th ranked Apache Ladies Basketball Team opened their season with a win over McLennan Community College, 90-49, before a crowd of about 1,000 in Wagstaff Gymnasium Nov. 2.

Nicole Guild led scoring with 15 points.

Her twin sister Jessica Guild chipped in 14 points. Aimee Michelson led rebounds with nine and Sholanda Pipkin grabbed 7.

Freshman Julie Wiese led MCC scoring with 16 points. Her teammate Tammy White

contributed 12 points.

Ladies won both games in the San Jacinto Women's Basketball Classic Nov. 5-6, improving their record to 3-0.

They defeated Hill College, 81-40, in the first game. Michelson, Kit Savage and Pipkin each scored 12 points to pace the Ladies.

They crushed Temple Junior College, 86-41, in the second game. Savage and Jessica Guild scoring with 13 points. Teammates Michelson and Ramona Evans pitched in 11 each.

Head Coach Lee Ann Riley, who is in her fifth year here, said "The team has four

returning players from last year." They are: Jessica Guild, Nicole Guild, Savage and Ashley White.

Newcomers to the team are: Bertha Collins from Houston, Evans from Rosston, Ark., Krystal Jackson and Tabettha Jackson from Shreveport, Brandy Pennington from Arlington, Pipkin from Carthage, Tiesha Wady from Cooper and Michelson.

The Apache Ladies play in the Trinity Valley Community College Classic Nov. 19-20 in Athens and meet MCC in Waco Nov. 23. The next home game will be Dec. 10-11 at the TJC Classic.

Tennis claims 2nd place

by Theron Cole
staff writer

The Apache Tennis Teams won the women's doubles bracket and claimed second place in the men's bracket at the Small College Rolex Tournament in Memphis recently. The women advanced to the finals of the Small College Super Bowl before defaulting to Brigham Young University-Hawaii.

In women's doubles sophomores Ann Roslund and Majorie Terburgh won the Small College draw. They were forced to default the finals because the BYU-Hawaii team, which is Mormon, elected not to play on Sunday.

"It was a tough decision to have to make, but it was what needed to be done," Head

Tennis Coach John Peterson said.

"It was disappointing," Terburgh said.

Roslund won third place in the Small College singles draw. She fell to Hanna Kazakevich 6-0, 7-5, from College of Lake County.

"I played well," Roslund said. "I really had a good opportunity to win the tournament."

Apache Sophomores Jitte Singh and Max Douneav placed third in the Small College men's bracket.

Singh lost in the finals 7-5, 6-4 to Mario Toledo of Georgia Perimeter, defending Small College Rolex and Super Bowl Champion.

TJC remembers Payne Stewart

by Lance Cunningham
staff writer

When golfer Payne Stewart and four colleagues died last month in a plane crash in South Dakota, millions of fans felt the loss. Stewart won 18 championships, three of them majors, including two U.S. Open Championships. Known for his eccentric dress of baggy knickers and a tam-o'-shanter hat he, was not only well-known, but well-liked.

Apache Ladies Basketball Coach Lee

Ann Riley said, "This is so tragic, because he was in his prime, and comfortable about who he was as a golfer and a person."

Students also felt the loss "He was a great golfer who showed lots of sportsmanship and moral qualities," Freshman Scott Boyd said.

Sophomore Brandon Blakely said, "I liked to watch him play and I liked his style of dress." Stewart had a positive effect on many people's lives.



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